

REMARKS


Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16-18, 20-22, 24, 25, and 32-35 are now pending in this application, with Claims 1, 9, 14, 18, 22, and 32-35 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled Claims 26 and 27. All of the remaining claims are allowed.

Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,996,149 (Heimbrock, et al.). Applicants submit that the rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of those claims.

Applicant requests allowance of this application inasmuch as all of the claims now pending are allowed.

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